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Candidates For President/Regent Begin Campaigns

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WILL MARUNDA,

CANDIDATE

Ryan M. Norris

Senior Staff Writer

Four candidates have thrown their hats into the ring for a chance Student to be President/Regent. Will Marunda, Kathy Denker, Dan Matejka and Stacy Jo Moss-Ferrell have declared themselves candidates for the position.

The office of student president/regent has drawn some criticism from students and others after recent events involving the Student/President Regent Jon Shradar.

"The next student regent has an awesome responsibility of building credibility again for this office,'

Marunda said. Moss. Ferrell, a graduate student in history, cofounder KBUL and student senator for the graduate class, has heard feedback from students that

Student Government in general has no respect or dignity.

"I'm not going to place the blame on Jon Shradar because it's not all his fault," Moss-Ferrell said. "Senators have taken an active part in bringing down the decorum of Student Government. One of my goals would be, if I am elected, to bring respect and dignity back to Student Government as a whole, not just the office of president. How the next president handles the office, I think, could possibly lay the groundwork for images and opinions of Student Government as a whole."

Mateil Delta Theta fraternity, and a political science student, thought the student body's input was generally ignored when it came to the decision of Shradar's fate.

"(The administration) kind of made us feel like children in a way, the whole student body, because they didn't let us have the chance to go about our own proceedings to find out if we felt if (Shradar) should be

removed or not," Matejka said. "The administration is saying that the students didn't pick the right person and I think that we have the person here.'

One of Denker's main concerns is to bring UNO the respect she thinks it deserves.

"(If elected one of the things I would try to do) is focus on retention. I want to make sure we're getting an increased amount of students here right away, by making sure that they stay," Denker said. "We have a great college, and a bunch of great programs to get involved in on campus."

Denker, who has been on Student Senate and is a member of Chi Omega sorority, said she

> wants to represent the whole student body.

"I want to make sure the assembly gets going, and that every organization does have more of a voice on campus through new program," Denker said.

Moss-Ferrell, who is currently involved with UNO's color guard, sees the office of Student President/Regent as a chance to represent the students.

"It's not about getting out and getting votes, it's about understanding what the students needs are," Moss-Ferrell said. "I really wanted to provide all UNOmaha students with the opportunity to have a president that is highly accessible and highly visible.'

Marunda, a two-time Student Senator, political science major, and member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity sees his experience with other on-campus candidacy.

"Every organization I have been in on campus I've tried my hardest at," Marunda said. "I've always taken a leadership position, and I've been pretty efficient and effective, I think. What it boils down to basically is I want to give something back to the school that has given me so much."

Matejka, a senior, sees the see CANDIDATES, page 8

Qiang Shares About Human Rights Conditions in China

Michelle Weber

Staff Writer

The Inaugural Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Lecture on Human Rights was held Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the UNO Alumni House. Xiao Qiang, a Chinese exile living in America, was the guest speaker for the Students, faculty and event. members of Omaha's Chinese community were in attendance to hear Qiang talk about human rights conditions in China.

Qiang's lecture came just two days before the fiftieth anniversary of the Communist takeover in China.

Qiang said the celebrations for the anniversary would not be a

people's celebration because most Chinese citizens do not support the repressive government. Qiang also said China is rapidly changing and he feels it is only a matter of time before the Chinese are free again.

Senior Bobbie Carr felt Qiang was inspiring.

"He made me think about human rights in China and what needs to be done now," Carr said.

Qiang is the executive director of Human Rights in China, a leading Chinese human rights organization. Qiang began his work with human rights after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989, as an exchange student at Notre Dame.

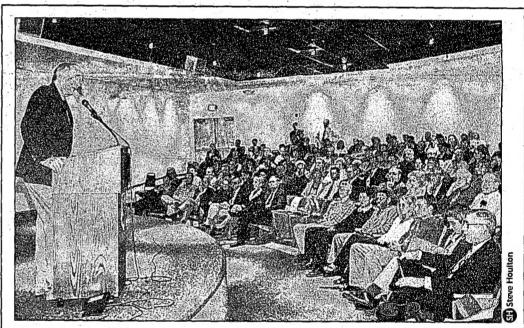
Qiang has also testified before

the United Nations, the United States Congress and the European Parliament. Because of his work Qiang is not able to return to China at this time.

Wednesday night's lecture was the first in a new series of lectures established by Shirley and Leonard Goldstein in cooperation with UNO.

Shirley Goldstein has devoted her life to improving human rights, going so far as to smuggle tapes out of the former Soviet Union in an effort to aid Soviet Jews who were being persecuted

The Goldsteins wanted to further their efforts on behalf of human rights by establishing this lecture series.



Pilot Robert J. Gilliland speaks about the SR-71 Blackbird reconsissance aircraft. A test pilot for the Air Force, Gilliland was the first to ever fly the Blackbird.

Crowd Learns About Cults

Ryan M. Norris

Senior Staff Writer

A lecture geared to provide information about cult place awareness took Monday in the Council Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

A standing room only crowd witnessed three speakers talk about the history of cults and the effects they have on their followers.

The speakers included Jim Cavener, UNO's campus pastor, Phil Kayser of Dominion Covenant Church and Loel Schettler of Evangelical Lutheran Church.

by Anne Aiken-Kush, a counselor at UNO, and sign language interpretation was provided by Liz Polinski-

"The reason we are having this (seminar) is that cults tendency to re college students," Aiken-Kush said. "Students that have come from out of state may be more vulnerable because they are far away from their home family and support system. But I don't think they are any more vulnerable than the general population of students here at

Cavener said he believes if The lecture was moderated you find yourself in a cult,

then are away from the cult for a time and cannot make decisions for yourself, you may be in trouble.

"The most dangerous thing about a cult is that it removes from you and really helps extinguish in you any attempt to be able to think," Cavener said.

He said sometimes cults may and often do require you to be able to be geographically mobile.

"To ask you or to tell you to move to another location, or even to woo you into it by great promises of good things to come is a way of getting you out of a situation

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A&S to Host Grad Fair

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 12, the College of Arts and Sciences will hold its second annual Arts & Sciences Graduate School Fair in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

This event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"We want everyone from freshman to seniors to come and look at the programs," said Carla Frakes, director of graduate studies in Arts & Sciences.

The Graduate Fair is intended to provide students and potential students the opportunity to explore graduate studies and speak with leading staff and faculty. It is the second year for the program

"We're going to have the top faculty and staff from Arts and Sciences there to answer any questions," said Frakes.

This year, along with current UNO students, Frakes has invited over 200 businesses to send their employees as well. She estimates the average attendance age will range from age 24 to 55.

"I expect a varied group of attendees," she said. "A lot of business people go back to graduate school later in life and some undergraduates just continue their studies."

UNO faculty and staff members from biology, communication, English, geography, history, mathematics, mathematics education, political science, psychology and sociology will be in attendance to provide general information and answer any questions. Staff members from a number of campus offices will also be in attendance to answer questions about becoming a graduate student at UNO.

According to a recent press release, Frakes said the fair is not limited to only UNO students.

"We feel it's important to let not only our undergraduate students know about the program but also our community. know what type of graduate programs are available here through the College of Arts & Sciences," Frakes said. "Many of our graduate students are fulltime members of the working world who pursue their studies part-time."

According to the same press release, The Office of Graduate Studies will be present to offer a listing of available degrees, along with the procedures necessary for admission and opportunities for financial aid and scholarships.

The career center will also be represented to discuss the experience and benefit of employment and internship opportunities on and off campus.

Staff from the testing center will be on hand to provide explanations of the necessary exams needed for admittance to various programs along with testing

The University Library will display a selection of thesis from current UNO graduate students. The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research will be providing information on available research grants for graduate students

The Learning Center will be offering tips on how to prepare an application essay.

This fair has been several months in the making and Frakes is hoping for an attendance of 250 or more. She stresses the importance of students getting involved and attending.

"Students who are interested in graduate studies should first learn about the various graduate programs available at UNO," Frakes said. "Secondly, they should ask questions of the faculty available to determine if the program

Nebraska Review **Shows Work of Many**

Janet Styffe

Staff Writer

You will probably not find The Nebraska Review on the supermarket newsstand, or even in most bookstores. You will find it in room 212 of the Weber Fine Arts building, where the UNO Writer's Workshop publishes it every February and July.

At 108 perfectly-bound pages, it resembles a short book. But The Nebraska Review is a literary magazine, which publishes a variety of poems, short stories and essays, and once a year offers The Nebraska Review Awards in Fiction and Poetry.

Generally, an issue of The Nebraska Review will include 10 to 20 poems and four to five pieces of prose, either fiction or essays. Currently, the magazine does not print art on the interior because of the cost involved in printing quality reproductions.

UNO has published a literary magazine since 1972, when professor and current department chair Richard Duggin started the Writer's Workshop.

The magazine gradually evolved from a showcase of student writing to the professional-level writing it publishes now, changing names several times in the process. The Nebraska Review title was transferred from another institution in 1984.

Anyone can submit to The Nebraska Review. However, James Reed, the Nebraska Review's editor, cautions students that publishing primarily student writing "is not a niche we are here to fill."

The Nebraska Review's stated goal is "presenting the finest in contemporary poetry, fiction, and

Anne Caston, Betsy Sholl and Stuart Dybek are among the authors who have been published in the Nebraska Review in the last seven years. The Nebraska Review recieves pieces from all over the United States and from as far away as Aman, Jordan. Postmarks in The Nebraska Review mailbox regularly include Germany, England, Canada and Japan.

With a circulation of about 1,000, it is right in the middle of literary magazines published by universities, Reed said.

The Nebraska Review is rare among literary magazines in that much of the work is done by undergraduates. Typically, a literary magazine is put out by a university's master's degree students.

Working on the magazine's editorial staff with Reed and poetry editor Susan Aizenberg is required of all Writer's Workshop majors. In the course Applied Literary Magazine, students read and assess submissions and learn to format literary magazines by creating a mockup of their own magazine. The class averages about six to 10 students a semester, though it has been as large as 15.

Rarely big money makers for the universities that publish them, literary magazines "exist because somebody at the institution firmly believes that it should be done" Reed said.

Literary magazines publish works that are experimental or for other reasons might not have a readership large enough to be considered for publications such as The New Yorker.

"They are the research and development of the literary world," Reed

News Briefs

Kristol to Talk About Issues Shaping American Politics

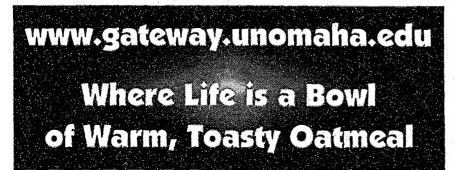
William Kristol will be at the Holiday Inn Central on Oct. 6 at 7 a.m. to deliver his address "A View From Washington; Issues Shaping American Politics." Kristol is editor and publisher of The Weekly Standard, the influential journal of politics and ideas published in Washington, D.C. He served as chief of staff to Vice President Quayle during the Bush administration, and to Secretary of Education William Bennet under President Reagan. Kristol is widely regarded as one of the country's leading political analysts, and regularly appears on Good Morning American and The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. Kristol is speaking as part of the ABC Breakfast Series.

Career Fair Scheduled for Oct. 6

"Navigate Your Way to a New Career" will be held on Wednesday, Oct 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center. The career fair will feature more than 80 employers who will be looking to fill a variety of internships, part-time and full-time positions.

1999 Fall Convocation on Oct. 7

The fall convocation will be held on Oct. 7. The event consists of performances by student musical groups and a state of the University speech by Chancellor Belck. Belck's speech begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Strauss Recital Hall. The procession will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center and will conclude at noon at the Milo Bail Student Center.





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Capel Cottage Revue: Welcome To The More of What You **Probably Missed**



The news doesn't slow down just because the weekend comes. You were all off doing fun things like: driving to St. Cloud for the big football game, strolling the Old Market with your main squeeze or simply sitting at home with a big crock of your world-famous chili and a bottle of fine kaopectate. But, the news goes on.

Here are some things you probably

Highway workers in Georgia sprayed a rubberized tar sealant onto a four-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 82 last week. The sealant, made of tar and shredded tires, was supposed to make driving smoother. One small problem ... the sun heated the stuff and turned it into vulcanized bubble gum. Cars, vans and semis got stuck. A Georgia highway spokesperson said all affected drivers will be compensated.

It's either \$500 in cash, or a lifetime supply of Juicyfruit.

The Bellevue City Council has voted to allow fireworks to be sold this year between December 28-January 1, so that folks can rocket red glare themselves into the new millennium. I can see it now ...

Dear Santa.

I've been very good this year. Please bring me a Barbie, a Nintendo, a new bicycle, some Black Cats, a dozen or so sparklers, three Roman Candles and as many M-80's as you can. I want to blow my brother up.

Cindy

Also out of Bellevue — The City Council is investigating a \$1,200 cell phone bill coming from the Bellevue Police Department. They think the amount is too excessive. Heck, I can save them money here. Give the cell phone to my daughter, she's never had a bill over \$1,185.

Bats have invaded the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus. Residents of Mantor Hall have been finding dead bats in their desk drawers and have had bats swoop them in the hallways. Apparently, the little devils are feasting on the abundant supply of bugs in and around campus and have taken roost in the air vents. Some experts are contending the bats won't leave until the weather turns cold.

There's an easier way to get rid of them: give them all "I Support Dan Quayle" buttons and watch them disap-

The chemical companies Rhone-Poulenc, DuPont, Monsanto and Ashland Chemical have all announced they will temporarily halt operations New Year's Eve as a precaution against possible "toxic accidents" should the Y2K computer disaster hit. I think this is a great idea. In fact, other entities, whose output could potentially be harmful to humans, should follow suit. You know ... like nuclear weapons manufacturers, biological product companies, the Clinton Administration.

Letters To The Editor

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Real World

Kate Lavia

Staff Writer

The importance of a good education has been instilled in us ever since we were able to speak and understand the English language. We have been told that a degree is necessary for our survival in the outside world, and that it is the key to our success.

But never, not once, did anyone ever tell us what to do once they handed over that tiny slip of paper saying that the degree which we have spent the last four years of our life earning will be mailed to us at a later date and time.

Well, they never quite got to that part. They were too busy telling us to get good grades and to work hard, but the tragedy that occurs after graduation was never mentioned.

It is a scary world out there and no one has prepared me for it.

Oh sure, they taught me how to think critically and how to write a decent thesis sentence, but they never told me that I would get rejected several times before a company would be willing to pay me for thinking critically and writing decent the-

They never mentioned the fact that unless you major in accounting, computer science or engineering, you can pretty much forget about making more than an outbound telemarketer (at least for the first year, anyway).

By the time you climb your way up to senior status, you feel on top of the world. Your graduation date is finally in sight, and you feel as if you have control of your life.

The minute your graduation party ends, that all starts to fade away.

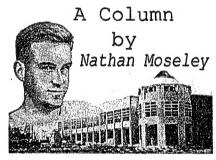
Suddenly, you feel lost, confused and asking the age old question what am I going to do with my life?

No one ever prepared me for the post-graduation depression, so I am warning you. It is normal. The discovery of this universal truth seemed to make things a lot easier.

Eventually you find a job, start paying your medical insurance and settle down. You finally start to come to terms with the fact that you're somewhat of an adult and are mildly prepared for the real world.

Then you realize that 60 percent of your infantile friends are either engaged or married and the anxiety begins all over again!

Northwest Passage: Do As the Bear Does



Well, it's that time of the year again. The time when little men and women in suits start saying that nasty four letter word.

No other word brings a cringe to an Omaha citizens face quite like this one.

That strange white stuff that we haven't seen since March. That glistening, make-the-road-an-ice-rink substance.

I personally like the snow and all of the joyous things that go along go along with it, such as skiing or sledding, drinking hot cocoa by the fire with your significant other, or throwing packed snowballs at passing cars and then running when they screech to hait to jump out and chase you.

But there are also those down sides

When it shows its ugly face when we really don't want it to.

Then when we want it to snow because we forgot to do our homework for class, it either is a bright day, or it teases us into thinking that class will be canceled but really only dumps a mere two to four inches. Clearly not enough to keep UNO from shutting its

Somewhere I heard a saying that clearly reflects the decision made by UNO administration when it comes to canceling classes. I think it is "If you can see the roof of your car, then we expect you at class.'

Another thing that we as citizens can expect from our city when it actually does begin to snow, is construction to take a complete halt at whatever state it might be in.

Even if an ash from a cigarette, thrown out of a car hits a construction workers arm, and they just happen to glance down and see it lying there, and to them it looks like a snow flake, it's

For example, I predict that a crane moving a beam for the bridge they are extending just north of 72nd and Pacific will crush David M. Johnson on his way to his favorite store "Women are from Venus, Men are Basically Pigs Outlet."

This is also the time of the year when we will see brightly colored orange trucks plowing through our mailboxes and burying our cars under ten feet of snow. (Hey, maybe that could count as not being able to make it to class.)

These plows will inevitably throw sand and chip our new windshields, plow everywhere but our street, and miss patches on the roads they do plow so we are left to maneuver through all of the cars that get stuck in the patches they left.

With all of these frustrations you think that human would take the hint from the bear.

Hibernate.

Weekends Mean Fun, Work for Dorm Residents

Marilyn Kolar

Staff Writer

What are you doing this weekend?

It is a question that all college students have on their minds. The students who live at the University Village here on campus have a little more variety in their decisions.

A lot of students go back home, but there are the ones who live too far from home to go back every weekend.

So what can dorm residents find to do? Maybe the new feature film at the movie theater or a good dinner out. A lot of students say hanging out with friends is the affordable and fun way to go.

at the University Village here on campus have a little more variety in their decisions.

A lot of students go back

Sitting on a balcony or inviting a group of friends over to chill in the living room of a dorm is usually fun.

The apartment-style dorms make it easy to sit and enjoy

company in your very own home.

"We usually go out and then end up hanging out in someone's dorm. That's usually what happens," freshman Jessica Libra said.

There are also students who do not stay at the village because of family and friends who live in different areas.

"I go on road trips to visit friends. All my friends live in Lincoln and it's easier for me to

go there than all my friends come here," said freshman psychology major Ali Jones.

Not only is there night life at the dorms, but errands and chores that need to be done during the day.

Some students find it easiest to do their laundry on the weekends. Students have the option of using the laundry room located in the University Village clubhouse. It is 75 cents to use the washer and 50 cents to dry.

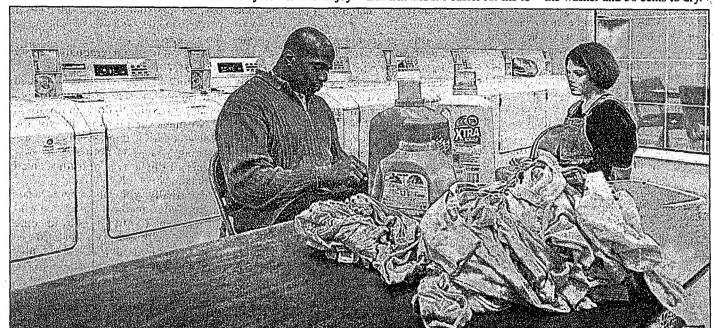
Student who can not afford this may take their laundry back home. Many students who live less than half an hour or 45 minutes away may go home for the afternoon and return back to their dorm in the evening.

Cleaning the bathroom or kitchen is sometimes a job that takes more time than you have during the week.

Grocery shopping also needs to be done. Some "smart-shoppers" take the time on the weekend to cut coupons and find the best bargain stores to shop. Others may go quickly to the nearest store and find what they need and head back home.

Students living at the dorms have a lot of bills to pay. Residents of the village may work a Saturday or Sunday shift to make a little spending money or to help pay the bills. Between school and homework students don't always have time to work during the week. Some village residents may put in eight to 20 hours in a weekend depending on their job and weekend schedule.

Students have a lot of variety when deciding what activities to do on the weekend. Between socializing, work, taking care of chores or maybe road trips, there is always something to do.



Steve Houlton

Freshmen Marcus Taylor and Stepahnie Jackson do laundry at the University Village clubhouse laundry facility. Many students have found the comforts of home at UV. The clubhouse also has a refrigerator, a big screen television and a study area utilized by many UV residents.

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Graduate School Fair

Tuesday, October 12 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ballroom, Milo Bail Student Center

Faculty from the following areas will be present to answer your questions.

- Biology
- Communication
- English
- Geography
- History

- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Other participants include staff members of the Offices of:

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CULTS: Speakers Share About Cults

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where there is more resistance to authority," Cavener said.

Schettler provided an acronym of what cults will try to do to their members.

The acronym BITE stands for behavior control, information con-

trol, thought control, and emotional control, Shettler said.

"Cults want to control, that's how they operate, that's how they succeed," Schettler said. "Today, more than ever cults are quietly more powerful than they have ever been."

How Cults Tand to Operate

- Cults are authoritarian.

- They oppose tree intellectual inquiry.
- They have deceptive recruitment tactics.
 - They promote anhealthy dependence.
- They have a healthy use of guilt manipulation
- They make most life decisions for members.
 - They will pressure you to work
 - full time without pay.
 - They isolate members from outside reality testing.
- They have a connen on interpreting the Bible; no interpretation, however trivial can be questioned.
 - They have a disnegard for hermeneutics.
- They have an opposition to family solidarity.
- They are fixated on last things, apocalyptic.
 - *To cults, an end justifies the means.
 - They are secretive about decisions, finances and plans.

According to Phillip Keyser

Desert Storm Allies Split On Course Of Action For Iraq

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON — The international coalition that expelled Iraq from Kuwait nearly nine years ago is unraveling, with former allies blaming Washington for surging child mortality rates in Iraq, an unremitting air war and a failing effort to disarm President Saddam Hussein.

The United States and the other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council still agree on the need to prevent the Iraqi leader from developing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, but they are badly split over how best to force him to cooperate.

Russia, China and France support a move to suspend economic sanctions against Iraq in 100-day increments if Baghdad allows U.N. arms inspectors to resume their work. The United States and Britain reject that plan, saying Hussein must accept monitoring without any conditions.

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine blasted Washington last week for being "insensitive to the human catastrophe under way in Iraq." U.S. officials countered that Hussein is to blame for his country's misery, but they seemed to hedge their bets by indicating they won't object if he tries to sell more oil than U.N. sanctions allow.

Meanwhile, U.N. officials and envoys privately grumble that the

United States and Britain, which have bombed more than 400 sites in Iraq since December, have forsaken their diplomatic mandate and are engaged in a little-noticed campaign to topple Hussein.

The disarray in the international coalition, which was painstakingly assembled by President George Bush in 1990 and 1991, works to Hussein's advantage. The Iraqi dictator is able to continue his quest for nuclear, biological and chemical arms free from international scrutiny. Even if he eventually allows U.N. inspectors to return, the Iraqis have had ample time to move any nuclear, chemical or biological materials and to find new hiding places for illicit weapons programs.

"Now he's got a weakened international resolve — or at least a much more distracted international community, if nothing else — to the point that he's got to be feeling pretty good, that he's just going to ride this one out," said Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican.

Richard Butler, who headed the last arms monitoring team in Iraq, said world leaders should assume the worst. Hussein has "an established track record" that includes using chemical weapons against his own people, trying to build an atomic bomb and firing long-range missiles against Israel, Butler said.

"I think it would be utterly foolish

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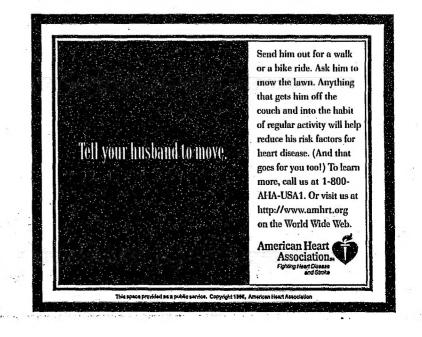
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CANDIDATES: Campaigning Begins

office of student president/regent as candidates to address. something to be taken seriously.

"(The student president/regent) should epitomize the standards of the students of the university and conduct him/herself in a manner that brings honor to the office," Matejka said. "He/she wants to make the students' input very valid to the eventual outcome of any issue."

A former Air Force ROTC cadet, Marunda's platforms include improvements to Campus Security, moving the election of student president/regent to the last week of January or the first week of February, and maintaining a full senate at all times, he said.

"Let's reform the office of student regent," Marunda said. "We've only been in school a little more than a month and a half. I think at least a semester should be allowed for transfer students and freshmen to make an educated decision of who they choose to be the next student regent. I definitely want to put a term limit of one year (for the president regent)."

Moss-Ferrell, who went under the DJ name of "The Goddess" while with KBUL, said some issues are mute for

"I have seen over the last several presidential elections that candidates get up there and have all of these unrealistic goals, things that maybe they just can't hope to accomplish like parking. That is such a dead issue," Moss-Ferrell said. "We need to really consider things that we can accomplish."

Marunda, who has been a student at UNO the past three and a half years, sees the position of president/regent as one that could bridge the gap between students and administrators.

'The student regent should be basically the middle man between the students and the administration, not only our university administration, but also the board of regents," Marunda said.

Denker, who will drop her duties at KBUL during the campaign, will focus on retention of students, the complete representation of the student body and will address the issue of students monitoring student fees, she said.

Matejka believes the main concern should be the student, and that they experience campus life in college to the

Economics Professor Brings Experience to UNO

Frank Mitchell

Staff Writer

Finance and banking professor David Volkman grew up in Gothenburg, NE, a town he said made Omaha look to him like a large metropolis.

He graduated from UNL with a degree in Economics and vigorously applied for a banking job around the Midwest and West, from Chicago, to Dallas, to Salt Lake City.

He ended up in Omaha working for the comptroller of the currency after successfully completing a competitive examination process. Being a single person, Volkman said he enjoyed the job and the frequent traveling around the Midwest it required.

Once he had a family though, it was time for a career change.

With his wife, Dr. Volkman took on an unlikely but fulfilling job in social work at Boys Town as a family teacher.

At Boys Town, Volkman worked with his wife, teaching basic life skills to nine boys who lived with them.

"I ended up being a pseudo father." Dr. Volkman said. "I had quite a few different experiences."

After working at Boys Town for two

years, Dr. Volkman moved on to work at the brokerage firm Paine-Webber for a few years before beginning work on a doctorate in Finance at UNL.

He was 34 at the time, with ten years of business experience under his belt that he would bring to class to share as a future professor.

Volkman said originally he was more interested in research than teaching.

"I found I enjoyed (teaching) a lot once I got into the class room situation, working with students, watching how they progressed," he said. "I enjoyed being a professor the most of anything I've ever done."

Initially, the university asked him to teach for a year. By this time he had a large family, with five children, and needed a job soon.

He has taught at UNO ever since.

"I found UNO is a lot better than it's reputation," he said. "It's a very good institution."

Volkman said there are two professors who influenced him strongly. One made an impression on him through the time spent to interact with students. The other was an Economics professor who "made it so much fun that I switched to Economics.'

STUDENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES FOR 1999 ELECTIONS

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Threat Of Anthrax Vaccinations Could Lower Already Weak Military Numbers

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department's anthrax vaccination program frightens so many service men and women that it could lead a substantial percentage of uniformed personnel to abandon the military, critics claimed Wednesday.

Some service members worry they could be sickened or killed by the vaccine.

The scare comes when America's uniformed services are struggling to fill their ranks in competition with high private-sector wages caused by unemployment levels that are the lowest in a generation.

The vaccine could be the last straw, Lt. Col. Thomas Heemstra of the Indiana National Guard said in congressional testimony Wednesday, because many on base don't trust the military establish-

Heemstra said troops think the entagon misled the public er medical controversies over the effects of the Agent Orange defoliant on troops in Vietnam and possible causes of the debilitating symptoms labeled Gulf War syndrome after the war to liberate Kuwait from Iraq.

"There are estimates that 25 to 60 percent of Guard pilots will quit from various units," Heemstra said, "We're the guinea pigs, and we know it."

The vaccination, which consists of six shots over 18 months, was given to many

troops during the Gulf War's Operation Desert Storm and was ordered for all troops in 1997. It was approved for general use by the Food and Drug Administration in 1970, but hasn't been widely administered until now.

The Defense Department says there is no reason to fear the shots.

"We feel it's safe," Chuck Dacy, public affairs officer for the Army Medical Research and Material Command, said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "People are reading a lot of misinformation on the Internet, and some possibly don't have the scientific background to understand what we've found.'

Despite such assurances, critics testified Wednesday that rumors of severe side effects and government cover-up are widespread, causing concern in the ranks.

Some regular service members have quit when ordered to get the vaccine, facing dishonorable discharge and jail time. For reservists and Guard troops, the exit is easier, with private sector jobs to fall ick on and tewer penaities.

Technical Sgt. William Mangieri testified military police dragged him out of a meeting about the anthrax vaccine and its alleged dangers that he was conducting on his base in Newburgh, N.Y., and he was forced to undergo a psychiatric exam. Later, he said, he was not allowed to re-enlist at the commander's discre-

"Some very dedicated men and women with many talents are walking

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Poverty Rate Falls As Incomes Climb, Census Bureau Reports

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON — The nation's median household income climbed to an all-time high last year while the poverty rate for children dipped to an 18year low, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

The 1998 figures marked the fourth consecutive year of growth for overall household income as the strong economy, record unemployment and low inflation continued to shower benefits across all regions of the country and all segments of the pop-

Non-Hispanic white households and Hispanics both showed strong growth in real median income. White household income jumped 3 percent from \$41,209 in 1997 to \$42,439 in 1998. Hispanic households had their third consecutive median income increase, going from \$27,043 to \$28,330 for a 4.8 percent increase.

Blacks saw their median income remain virtually unchanged from the all-time high of about \$25,400 in1997. Asians and Pacific Islanders continued to have the highest median income of all racial groups at \$46,637.

President Clinton claimed the good news is proof that his economic and fiscal strategies are paying

"Over the last 61/2 years, the results speak for themselves," Clinton said. "Since we launched our economic plan in 1993, median family income is the highest it has ever been."

And as income has increased, the proportion and number of people living in poverty has fallen. Last year, 34.5 million people, or 12.7 percent lived in poverty compared to 13.3 percent, or 35.6 million people in 1997. That reduction was driven by a record-low poverty rate of 13.7 percent in the est 20 percent earned only 3.6 percent of the nation-

For children, who make up about 26 percent of the population but comprise nearly 40 percent of the nation's poor, the news was equally encouraging.

The poverty rate and number of poor children both fell from 14.1 million people or 19.9 percent in 1997 to 13.5 million people, or 18.9 percent last year. It mark the first time since 1980 that the child poverty rate has fallen a statistically significant level below 20 percent.

Child advocates acknowledged the improvement but took a different perspective on the numbers. The Children's Defense Fund pointed out that only 3.2 million of the nation's 13.5 million poor children lived in families headed by a full-time wage earn-

"This data shows that families are struggling with low wages," said group president Marian Wright Edelman. "While families are playing by the rules and holding down a job, they are not making enough to lift themselves out of poverty."

The report also showed that contrary to the worries of some politicians and advocacy groups, the income gap between the rich and poor has held steady for the last four years — a fact Clinton noted in Thursday's White House briefing.

"In the 1980s, most working families saw their incomes stagnate, with the worst performance at the bottom of the economic scale," Clinton said. "In the last five years, finally we have stemmed the tide of rising inequality.'

But the divide remains wide and deep. Households with incomes in the top 20 percent earned 49.2 percent of the national income with those in the top 5 percent taking home 21.4 percent of the national total. Meanwhile, homes in the low-

al income.

The earnings gap between men and women also remained virtually unchanged, with women earning about 73 cents for every dollar earned by a man. The biggest gap is faced by women with professional degrees who earn only 61 cents for every dollar earned by men with similar education.

Martha Burk, a legislative co-chair for the National Committee on Pay Equity, said the finding validates claims of a "glass ceiling" faced by women in high-skilled professions.

"It just shows that the Good Ole Boys' Club is alive and well no matter what anybody tells you," Burk said.

The information in the Census Bureau's annual report was taken from a sample of 50,000 households nationwide. And, despite pockets of dissent, most experts agreed that the report painted a fairly rosy picture of the nation's economic well being.

'The economy of the last eight years has been vigorous and robust and if anyone deserves credit it's the folks further down on Constitution Avenue (The Federal Reserve Board) who are responsible for our monetary policy," said Henry Aaron, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "We've also had a lot of good luck," he added.

When adjusted for inflation, the overall median income for all U.S. households jumped \$1,300 or

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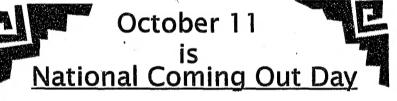


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Depression Screening Available Oct. 7

Kristina Coan

Staff Writer

As winter approaches, many people will begin to experience that cold weather 'blah' feeling. The one that causes people to sleep more, eat more, and smile less.

For some, however, those 'blah' feelings just will not go away.

It may be difficult for some to distinguish between the winter blues and a more serious problem, known as, depression.

Depression is a persistent sadness or emptiness that nags at people even when they are doing the things they once loved. These feelings are not something that will go away on their own.

Patients who suffer from depression have described this disease as a "black cloud."

"The symptoms can be very subtle and that is why it is a good idea for students to be assessed," Marcia Adler, R.N., M.S., and Coordinator of Student Health Services, said.

On October 7th, in the Milo Bail Student Center, counselors will be offering free depression screening.

"Depression is a sadness that will not shake and it will not go away unless it is treated. When someone is in a depression mode they cannot be successful in school. Things that they did so easily before become very difficult," Adler said.

Symptoms may include fatigue, difficulty concentrating, changes in appetite, insomnia, restlessness and sluggishness, feelings of guilt and hopelessness, persistent sadness and suicidal thoughts.

Other factors besides

"The symptoms can be very changing weather, can also otle and that is why it is a cause depression.

Chemical imbalances in the brain and negative life experiences may be associated with the disease.

Stress, loss of a loved one, medical illnesses, and genetic and personality traits are just a few of the conditions that can have an affect on mental health.

"One of the things we know is that post high school, the 18-25 year range, is that it is sometimes when a recognizable depression hits for the first time that it is. This is when students lives are in transition and nobody is sure of where exactly they are headed," Adler said.

Students who attend the screening at the MBSC can obtain as little or as much information as they would like. There will be tables set up on the first floor with pamphlets and information; there

will be a video and more information available upstairs in the Crimson room.

There will also be opportunities for one on one screening with licensed counselors. Students, who feel that their friends are at risk, are also encouraged to stop by.

"Sometimes it takes a friend to go get a friend help. You may be saving somebody's life by seeking help," Adler said.

Adler said it is important to remember that depression is a diagnosis just like cancer or diabetes. People do not choose to feel depressed nor can they overcome it by "getting their life together." It is a chemical disorder of the body and it is nothing to be ashamed of.

"Depressed people do not make a choice to feel this way and it takes a lot of courage to take that first step, "Adler said. Getting assessed is the first cten

The next step would be getting treatment, which typically involves taking anti-depressant medications.

The effectiveness and the quality of these prescriptions have increase greatly in the last five years, Adler said.

While, the medications may take several weeks to be effective, 80% of people improve greatly while taking them.

"It (depression) is so treatable, that if we could just get students assessed we would have many more successful students," Adler said.

Students, who cannot make it to the screening on October 7th, but would like some information can stop the Counseling Center or Health Services at any time.

"Ultimately depression's a life-threatening disease if it is not treated," Adler said.



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to assume that he isn't taking the opportunity of that absence (of monitors) to reconstitute these weapons-of-mass-destruction programs," Butler told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week.

Analysts said several factors are straining the U.S.- led coalition, among them a general weariness with the subject among diplomats, U.S. neglect of its allies, publicity of suffering Iraqis, a renewed commercial interest in Iraq by nations such as France and a belief that the United States can be relied on to contain any arms threat posed by Iraq.

"There's a lot of fatigue around this issue, and there's some ostrichlike behavior," said Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington.

Complicating the scenario is a lit-

tle-noticed bombing campaign by U.S. and British planes over Iraq. Since December, when Hussein declared his forces would no longer honor two no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq, U.S. and British jets have flown nearly 24,000 sorties and unleashed more than 1,300 smart bombs and missiles.

U.S. and British diplomats say the attacks are purely defensive—responses to anti-aircraft fire and Iraqi radars locking on to allied planes. Hussein has offered a \$14,000 reward to any Iraqi who shoots down an American jet.

But the attacks don't have U.N. authorization, and many nations—including Turkey and Saudi Arabia, which provide air bases— are uncomfortable with the nebulous mission. U.S. officials concede the cost and the risk to pilots make the strategy hard to sustain.



POVERTY: Level of Poor Declines While Incomes Rise

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3.5 percent last year to it was \$13,003. \$38,900. That means half of the households in the United States earned less than \$38,900 while the other half earned more. Last year marked the first time since the data was collected by region that the median income rose in all four areas of the country.

There are 34.5 million poor people in America, 2.1 million more than the 32.4 million who were in poverty before the 1989 recession. But the new figure is 4.8 million below the most recent peak of 39.3 million in 1993. The 1998 poverty level for a family of four was

The seemingly intractable disparity in poverty rates between whites and minorities remained troubling. Non-Hispanic whites by far had the lowest poverty rate at 8.2 percent down from 8.6 percent in 1997. They were followed by Asians and Pacific Islanders at 12.5 percent. Blacks continued to have the highest poverty rate at 26 percent, although that rate is the lowest for the group since 1959. Hispanics had the second highest rate at 25.6 percent, a 1.5 percent decrease from 1997.

Daniel Weinberg, chief of \$16,660. For a family of three the Census Bureau Housing

and Household Economic Statistics Division, said the non-movement of median income and poverty rates for blacks was statistically insignificant and not alarming since both are at positive record levels.

Immigration appears to be an increasingly powerful force behind the nation's poverty figures. U.S. natives saw their poverty rate fall to 12.1 percent in 1998, while the rate for noncitizens went from 25 percent to 22.2 percent, a decrease of 4.1 million people. Non-citizens comprise 16.6 million of the 26.4 million foreign-born U.S. residents and the foreign-born

poverty rate is 18 percent compared to 12.7 percent overall.

The census bureau's poverty figures do not include estimates on the way taxes and non-cash benefits such as food stamps and Medicaid affect income and poverty.

Conservative think tanks the Heritage such as Foundation say these omissions skew the bureau's findings. Weinberg said six studies that use this methodology show a larger decline in poverty between 1993 and 1998, mainly because of the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit which provides additional tax breaks to low-income families.



ANTHRAX VACCINE:

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out the door, either voluntarily or involuntarily," he said.

The Defense Department says the vaccine has only minimal side effects, such as swelling on the arm in which the shot was administered, as would be expected with most vaccines. That view is backed by the Public Health Service's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has published reports saying the vaccine poses no extraordinary threat.

But Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, said he didn't accept the government's position.

"If I were in the military right now, I wouldn't take it," he said after hearing the testimony. "Our military is suffering right now. I don't think anyone could do a better job of destroying the morale of our forces than the Department of Defense.'

Separate bills in the House call for making the vaccination voluntary and for suspending the inoculation program until further study can be done.

The House Subcommittee on National Security, Veteran's Affairs and International Relations plans to submit a report on the controversy in early November.



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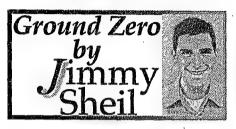
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Honestly, who can't talk the talk. But it's quite another thing to walk the walk. UNO basketball coach Kevin Lehman and his charges know the stroll.

Starting last year the basketball team in the fall has had a 6:30 a.m. meeting with Strength and Conditioning Coach David Noonan four times a week. This, in addition to getting together, on their own most afternoons to play pick-up and work on their games.

Noonan doesn't serve bagels at this morning session, but sometimes breakfast food will appear in chunks.

"You have to get to the point in your program when you think you deserve to win. And that means making sacrifices," Head Coach Kevin Lehman said. Last year the Mavs gave it up, posting the first winning season at UNO since 1991-

To understand the sacrifice, I attended a few of the Mavs' morning workouts, not with a pen, but a pair of running shoes.

One by-product of the workouts is the strengthening of relationships between the players. The kind of camaraderie that develops in a boot camp or a pledge class. Experiencing something together and getting through it together.

"Struggling out of bed and working out together definitely makes us tighter," May guard Patrick Voss said.

Another reason for guys working out together is the lifting sessions are more productive. Anytime you have a lifting partner at your local gym its good, but it's not like having your team around you pumping you up.

For example, forward Mike Simons was on his last set of killer arm curls and by himself he probably could have done seven reps, but with teammate Mike Foltynski pushing and challenging him, as only a teammate can, Simons completed the set of 10 reps. And Simons was in the next guy's facing getting maximum effort.

I have to admit after going through the agility drills in the Sapp Fieldhouse, which had my calves screaming, I took a DNP (did not participate) in the weight room, because there were girls in there

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UNO Rushes to 30-20 Win

David M. Johnson

Staff Writer

In some games you can look at one individual performance and say that was the reason we won. In other games you look to an entire team's performance. Saturday's 30-20 road win over St Cloud State was a strange mixture of the two.

First, there was Adam Wright who rushed for 166 yards and a touchdown. Second, there was tight end Brian Benjamin who found the end zone with one of his three receptions. Third, there was linebacker Lawrence Butler (caused last week's fumble which Chad Geiger returned for a TD) who recovered a Huskie fumble, and intercepted a Ryan Stelter screen pass, returning it 26 yards for a score. Fourth, there was the talented right foot of Mav kicker Troy Severson who tallied 12 points and tied a school record with three field goals. Fifth, there was the UNO defense who made second-half adjustments and shut the door on the SCSU offense. Sixth, there was the Maverick monstrous offensive line who simply wore down the Huskie defense on a long fourth quarter drive to seal the win.

To St Cloud State's credit, they put up one heck of a fight.

On the first play from scrimmage, Huskie running back Bill Stallings caught the Mav defense off guard running an outside zone power play on an unbalanced line 74 yards, untouched, for the games first points. Twenty-three seconds into the battle, SCSU was ahead 7-

That same play worked again in the second quarter. This time SCSU caught UNO on an outside blitz and Stallings waltzed in from 58 yards out.

Mavs Asst. Coach Marvin Sanders made changes at halftime. "When St. Cloud traded their tight end, they got us outnumbered on the strong side. What we did was put an extra body over there to compensate for the extra blocker they had."

The changed worked like a charm, UNO allowing only 16 yards total offense in the third quarter. SCSU did manage to successfully run their money play again in the fourth quarter, but May Demond Finister ran Stallings down from behind, tackling him outside the red zone.

Offensively for UNO, it was the combination of Adam Wright's

Steve Houlton

Wide Receiver Nick Shaw catches a pass during a recent Maverick game. The Mavs moved to a perfect 5-0 on the season.

rushing and Kwanzi Watts' passing that made the difference. Wright finished with 24-166, going over

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Volleyball Pushes Streak to 15

Brian Brashaw

Staff Writer

The winning streak is still in effect.

Over the weekend the UNO volleyball team won its 14th and 15th straight games to continue a streak that began back on September 2nd. Interrupted only by West Texas A&M who is ranker third in the country, the Mavericks are on the type of roll that leads to the NCAA Tournament. The challenge this weekend was two conference teams.

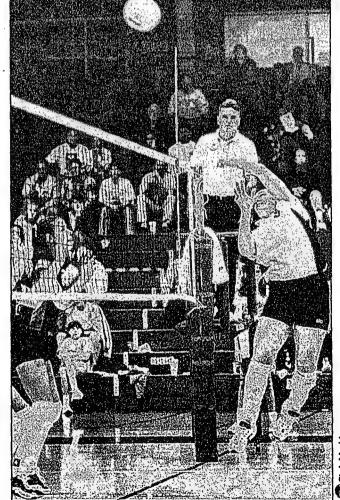
Facing games against Minnesota State-Mankato and St. Cloud State, UNO put its undefeated conference record on the line. The Mavericks stormed into the Sapp Fieldhouse this weekend with a determination to keep the winning streak alive agaist two teams that both fought Omaha for four sets before succombing

Friday night saw a Maverick-Maverick match-up. UNO and Mankato hit the Sapp floor and the fans filed in. Fortunately, the home team scored a commanding win, and put it on the board as the UNO Mavs defeated the Mankato Mavs in three sets 15-3, 15-9, 15-5

The team that earlier concerned Head Coach Rose Shires fell quietly. Mankato dropped to 13-5 overall and 2-3 in the North Central Conference. The Mavs improved their conference mark to 5-0 while their overall record jumped to 17-1. UNO owns the all-time seires with a 26-3 record against Mankato.

Just over 500 people witnessed the one and a half hour battle in which senior Korrine Boltin racked up 11 kills. Kim Christensen, who replaced Rhea May due to injury, stepped in with eight kills of her own. Defensive efforts con-

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Bethany Tygert spikes the ball against Minnesota State during conference play over the weekend. The Mays are riding a 15-game win streak.

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GROUND ZERO: Preparation

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and I didn't want to show any of the guys up. But I still managed to put my foot in my mouth.

I was talking to one of the players between sets about various things. Looking back I would have been better off asking him why his girlfriend isn't any cuter or why he doesn't get more playing time. But I innocently asked, "So are you in a fraternity?"

The player sternly but politely replied, "This is our fraternity."

Phi Slamma Jamma and they don't wear kilts.

Next we headed out to the football field for sprints. First we did a series of 100 yard build-ups and I got through it OK. Next were the dreaded 200s on the track.

This is when you feel like your in boot camp and Noonan looks like Sgt. Slaughter. After four runs guys were dragging and pushing each other.

After one dizzying 200 and as we lined for another jaunt, 6-9 Kyle Mann patted me on the back as if to say "hang in there little buddy." No problem Skipper.

When I was getting nauseous I thought of using Rick Reilly of Sports Illustrated's line about not doing something hellish a second time, even for baseball superstud Derek Jeter's black book. But I dismissed the thought because I wouldn't trade my black book for anybody's. (Like I said, anyone

can talk.)

Assistant Coach Jeremy Nickerson pointed out the main benefit from these workouts. "There were times last year other teams were grabbing their shorts and we were getting our second wind," Nickerson "Especially in the second half of the season.'

The Mavs did have a strong kick last year as they won four of their last five games to finish with a 15-12 record. But Coach Lehman attributed the success to more than just early morning wind sprints.

He cited the new wood floor, which is easier on the legs over the course of a season, doing more things with nutrition. And something that can't be taught or trained for, but ultimately is the goal of every coach, and that is when faced with adversity, digging down and coming up with the goods.

We had a lot of adversity last year in terms of injuries and guys missing time, but it made us stronger. And some young guys stepped up, like Mike Foltynski, Corey Hahn and Klye Mann, Coach Lehman said.

For the coming season replacing all-NCC selection Corey Griffin won't be easy, but 5:45 a.m. wake-up calls are a good place to start.

Peanut Gallery

- Watch Out Durango! Costumed mascots are coming under fire. University of Hawaii school officials have received an anonymous letter threatening to harm the "Rainbow Warrior" mascot if he showed up for any of the home games. The argument seems to be that the costume depicting a buffedup Hawaiian warrior is degrading to native Hawaiians. Many have complained and UH officials have since sidelined the mascot. I'm not sure exactly what they're complaining about... at least they don't have the Fiber Tiger.
- In 1984 the UNO volleyball team played in 62 matches, the most ever by the Mavs in a single year. This season we will play less than 40 matches. Why the difference? In the 1980's matches were best 2 of 3. Now, matches are best 3 of 5. We will never see 60+ match sea-
- The last time I saw a coach run onto the field and take part in a play was when the infamous Woody Hayes tackled an opposing player running down the sidelines en route to a touchdown against his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. It happened again Saturday (a coach taking part, that is) when full-time student and UNO kicking coach Mark Ruch activated

himself for punting duties against St. Cloud State.

- What a difference 85 miles makes...the weather at kickoff at St Cloud Saturday was sunshine and 45 degrees. The Minnesota State-Northern Colorado game, taking place 85 miles to the south in Mankato, was delayed 1 1/2 hours to clear two tons of snow off the field.
- What is it with foot injuries? May linebacker and co-captain Jason Bartling did not make the trip to St. Cloud Saturday because his foot had not healed enough for him to play. UNO volleyball standout Nikki Mansky is out 3-4 weeks with a fractured foot. Now we here that senior v-ball captain Korrine Boltin is playing with a stress fracture in her foot.
- The old joke went: Why does it take Coach Osborne three hours to drive from Omaha to Lincoln? He won't pass. The new joke goes: Why does it take Coach Behrns 12 hours to drive from Omaha to St. Cloud? One of UNO's buses broke down Saturday on I-35 when a radiator hose blew off, stranding the team on the side of the road for three



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Mavericks Wins Inaugural NCC Game 7-2

JJ Rider

Staff Writer

The UNO soccer team opened its first season in the North Central Conference, by defeating St. Cloud State 7-2 at Aksarben Field on Saturday.

The majority of the match was played in the St. Cloud State half of the field, as the Mavs outshot the Huskies 28 to 5. UNO jumped out to an early lead with goals by Akeisha Varnado and Katie Hobbs. SCSU answered with a goal, but goals by Jodi Mollner and Varnado gave the Mavs a 4-1 lead at the half.

Second half goals by Alessandra de la Guardia, Jaime Bizzarri and Varnado pushed the Mavs to a 7-1 advantage, before the Huskies scored in the final minute to complete the scoring.

UNO won its fourth straight game and is 7-3 overall. The defense played well and held the Huskies to three shots on goal throughout the game.

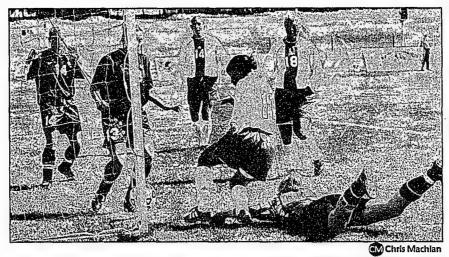
"Kristin McCormick at midfielder really stood out. She has improved in every game for us," Head Coach Don Klosterman said.

Varnado scored three goals and had an assist. Varnado is the first UNO player to record a hat trick. The Kansas City native now is second on the team with 20 points. Hobbs is first on the team with 21

Klosterman was very content with how his team remained physical throughout the game.

"We played a tough, physical game," Klosterman said. "One of the things we did really well was our combo play and playing as a team."

UNO plays University of North Dakota in an NCC showdown in Grand Forks, North Dakota on Oct. 9.



Above: Akeisha Varnado (11) gets the ball past St. Cloud State goalkeeper Laura Kennedy (face down). Varnado had a hat trick for the game. Right: Akeisha Varnado (11) cruises past St. Cloud State defenders in Saturday's game. Far Right: Katie Hobbs hits a header during the game. Hobbs had a goal early in the game.





It's 'Hoopst-Her' Time

Head Coach Paula Buscher and the UNO Maverick women's basketball team will conduct two "Hoopst-Her" clinics this month at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The clinics, aimed at girls in the first through sixth grades, will stress basketball fundamentals, academics, study skills, nutrition, leadership and goal setting.

Participants will receive a "Hoopst-Her" t-shirt, a basketball, a free admission pass to all Maverick women's basketball home games and a bookmark. Cost to pre-register is \$25 or \$30 on the day of the clinic.

Dates set are Saturday, October 16 and Saturday, October 23 from 9:30-11a.m.

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FOOTBALL: Mavs Win 30-20

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the 2,000 yard mark for his career. Watts, although limited to 21-66 on the ground, produced another excellent air show. His 9-17-1, 165, TD performance was the third straight 150 plus yardage game.

The Mavericks held a huge edge in time of possession, 40:32 to 19:28.

"This is what we hope our offense does to teams," Sanders said. "You keep a defense out there on the field for 40 minutes or 80 plays ... that's a lot of time. And I think what happens is that team will get wore down if they don't do a lot of substituting. I think that's what you saw today."

While the offense was putting up huge numbers (455 total yards), UNO's defense kept the opponents in check. Lawrence Butler's fumble recovery just before halftime set up the Watts to Benjamin bullet. Butler's third quarter interception return for touchdown took a lot of wind out of the Huskies' sails.

Other than the three Stallings runs (74, 58, 40 yards) the Maverick "D" held the Huskies at bay. SCSU quarterback Ryan Stelter completed only 6-17-1, 37 yards and was sacked twice.

UNO improves to 5-0 (3-0). SCSU falls to 3-2 (2-1).

VOLLEYBALL: UNO on a 15 Game Streak

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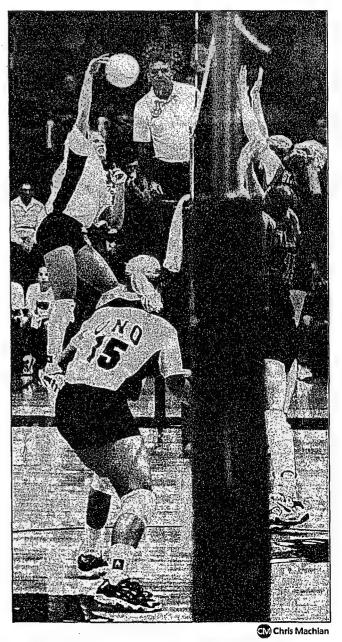
tributed by Tracy Ankeny and Krista Niezwaag, who had 10 digs each, helped lift the team over Mankato. The team as a whole had 47 kills, 47 digs and 10 service

Teams with very different conference records met at the Fieldhouse on Saturday. St. Cloud came in with an 0-5 conference record. In three straight sets and one hour and 21 minutes later 485 people watched as St. Cloud cried mercy and took a 15-9, 15-5, 15-8 loss to drop its conference record to 0-6. The Mavericks, on the other hand, improved to 6-0 in the conference, 18-1 overall.

Tracy Ankeny had 14 kills and 18 digs to lead the team in both categories. The team finished with 47 kills, 61 digs and eight service aces. The all-time seires has the Mavericks up 34-10.

UNO goes back on the road next weekend for two important conference games versus South Dakota State and Augustana. Both of these confernce matches will present challenges for a team that has been suffering from injuries. South Dakota St. is currently 16 in the nation with a 14-2 record. The Mays will travel to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the match Friday night with the SDSU Coyotes. Then the Maveicks face an even tougher challenge in the Augustana Vikings. The Vikings are now 4th in the nation with a 13-1 record. The Vikings and Covotes will meet head-to-head before their dates with UNO on Oct. 5.

UNO is flirting with the all-tome record for wins in a row which stands at 23.



Jewelia Grennan jumps up to spike the ball while Krista Niezwaag prepares for the return.

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- The NEW Maverick record for goals in a match is: Three. Freshman Akeisha Varnado tallied the hat trick in UNO's 7-2 victory over St. Cloud State. The Mavs have also won four straight soccer matches, another team record.
- St Cloud State had a rough weekend. They lost to UNO on the football field 30-20, on the volleyball court 15-9 15-5 15-8, and on the soccer field 7-2.
- The Maverick defense has scored touchdowns in three consecutive games.
- With their 15th straight victory, the UNO volleyball team's record stands at 18-1. After 19 matches last year, UNO stood 15-4.
- Tygert Target Watch: Bethany Tygert 's 81 set assists over the weekend raises her career mark to 2323. She is still No. 5 on the all-time list. Next up is No. 4 Darla Melcher with 2628.
- Ankeny Annhilation Watch: Tracy Ankeny blasted 23 kills last weekend, giving her 1166 career kills and putting her No. 9 all-time. Next up is No. 8 Brenda Schnebel with 1255.
- Movin' Wright Up: Adam Wright surpassed the 2000 yard career rushing mark Saturday. His 2002 career yards places him No. 9 all-time. Next up is No. 8 Roger Sayers with 2033.
- Penalties continue to be a concern for Head Coach Pat Behrns. The Mays committed a dozen miscues Saturday totaling 89 yards. The most inopertune calls came in the first quarter when back-to-back defensive penalties negated back-to-back sacks.
- Only 1,067 fans saw the UNO-SCSU football game in St. Cloud.

Valentine, Piazza Linked In Mets Futility

College Press Exchange

NEW YORK - Tommy Lasorda made a telephone call to suburban Connecticut on Monday night, telling Bobby Valentine, his most loyal of disciples, that he had done the noble thing shrouding himself with the burden of blame for the Mets' collapse. The next call Lasorda made should have gone to the Bergen County, N.J., living room of his godson, Mike Piazza, asking him when the biggest baseball star in New York planned to make his move into the line of fire.

Out by out, loss by loss, the season goes drip, drip, drip to complete destruction. While it's easy to let the manager dangle as the overriding constant in this encore of a Mets collapse, it isn't close to fair. For the second straight season, Valentine walks hand-and-hand to the doorstep of doom with Piazza. This isn't just Valentine's legacy on the line, it's the catcher's, too.

This is late September, time for a superstar to step out of the Shea Stadium shadows and do what he didn't do down the stretch for the Dodgers in 1997, or the Mets in 1998: Rise out of the rubble around him.

Three times before the 9-3 loss to the Braves was out of reach, Piazza came to the plate with two runners on base, with a chance to get the Mets back into the game. Back into the baseball season, for that matter. All night, all he did was offer a couple of harmless groundouts for two RBI in the seventh straight loss.

Boo Valentine out of town, but just understand this season is crumbling without one swing, one shot, out of the star paid to stop this avalanche of adversity.

"I know what my job is and I don't shy away from that," Piazza said. "I've always tried to be accountable for my play. I can't go out there and hit a fiverun home run. . . . Up to this point we've been a team, and we're going to remain a team. I guess it's only natural to point a certain finger."

Yes, it is natural. Eleven months ago, at a late October coronation in the plush Diamond Club, he enlisted himself for this duty. He had signed to stay a Met for the richest contract in baseball history up to that time, \$91 million. He had signed on for the responsibility Valentine chose to take four days ago: If we don't make the playoffs, come calling

"Piazza is certainly the guy who can carry you for a month at a time," Chipper Jones said in the Braves clubhouse Tuesday night. Nobody is asking for a month out of Piazza, just a week. Just a few days, even. Jones was sitting on a stool, talking about the series of his life in Atlanta last week,

when the Braves needed a star to grab hold of the National League East race, and found one in him.

"A dream series for me, to be able to come up there in clutch situations," Jones said.

Piazza is waiting to find out for himself. He had two home runs in the Braves series sweep, but they couldn't stop the start of the slide. Jones made sure of it. The Braves third baseman was the biggest star on the field, crushing four homers and sending the Mets spiraling toward a lost weekend in Philadelphia. When they awoke on Tuesday morning for the start of a threegame series with Atlanta, they found themselves 1 1/2 games out in the chase for the wild

If they were paying attention, they found their manager under a self-induced siege. If the collapse continues, if the catcher stays silent with bat and a superstar's share of the blame, the blood will be on his hands.

Before the start of the game, a young boy threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Piazza. Before leaving, the kid stopped over at home plate for the catcher to sign his ball and jersey. Piazza politely obliged. All you could do was watch and wonder whether he was willing to sign his name to this series, to this season slipping away, with all the eagerness he used to sign up for \$91 million and a superstar's burden.

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# **Heartland Philharmonic** Joins With UNO Choir

David M. Johnson

Staff Writer

The Heartland Philharmonic under maestro Richard Loheyde joined the UNO Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Z. Randall Stroope in what can only be described as a musical masterpiece Sunday afternoon at the Strauss Recital-Hall on the UNO campus.

Mr. Loheyde opened the collaboration with the Bacchanale from Saint-Seans' Samson and Delilah, guiding the symphony easily through their paces. At first, the festive, somehow magical excitement, but always returning to the dangerously mysterious callings of the ancient Middle East. A spine-tingling crescendo brought forth well-deserved and thunderous applause.

This was to be merely the appetizer. Our next delicious course, four exceptional works, was delivered by Dr. Stroope and the 68-voice UNO Concert Choir. The first, a world-premiere, was Lamentations of Jeremiah, a piece composed on commission by Dr. Stroope. I found this to be singularly powerful and the most deeply moving new work I have heard in a long time. Sung in the Latin, Lamentations of Jeremiah tells of the weeping prophet's mourning...the sheer terror and crying out...over the wrongs done to his people. Brilliant.

The soft Kyrie from Durufle's

UNO Concert Choir took you to the French countryside and laid you down in a green meadow while they sung to you pastorals from the next valley. The full Requiem is planned for later this season. I suggest you make plans to attend.

Intermission came much too quickly, but was designed to let us rest for the main course to come.

Mr. Loheyde returned to present us with Piotr Iyich Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake. From the graceful Scene to the exhilaration of the Spanish dance to the at times smoothly flowing, at times playful, at times bursting with energy Waltz movement, the Heartland Philharmonic acted always the gracious host, keeping our glasses full of rich, wonderful music.

Desert came in the form of Boito's Prologue to Mefistofele, a joint effort of the Philharmonic and the Concert Choir. This deeply moving, haunting piece proved to be the perfect choice to end a perfect occasion. "Bravo's" reigned from the near-capacity audience.

Bravo, as well, from me.

The next scheduled performace is October 7, 1999 at 6:00 pm when pianist Ken Lemons will give a student recital. Performances are free for UNO students with ID.

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# Mystic Fest '99 Educates the Mystically Inclined

Jodi Backes

Staff Writer

Mystic Fest '99 was held at the Holiday Inn on 72nd and Grover Sts. Sunday.

The festival is the vision of Charlie Odorizzi, owner of Next Millennium Bookstore, 2308 N. 72nd Street.

"I did this as a vendor for years," Odorizzi said. "I'd have been one of the readers.'

Odorizzi organizes the event, which takes place twice a year.

"It's a way of exposing a lot of people who aren't exposed to the metaphysical world. Also, it's about sharing for the people who are exposed to it."

Odorizzi gave a simple reason for holding the festival.

"It needs to be done. People need to be aware of what's out there. We need to educate soci-

The festival draws many people but they all have one characteristic in common.

"The open-minded and the

inquisitive people that understand what they've been told in the past isn't the only answer, Odorizzi said.

Odorizzi said these are the people taking responsibility for their lives by trying to better

understand the whole concept of life as a human and the unseen potential that we all have the ability to tap into.

The festival is a place for people with common interest to gather, but it also serves a purpose for them. Each person is different and they all have different goals upon entering the ballroom located inside the conference center. \

What they need most. There are no accidents," Odorizzi said.

Rows of booths filled the room. The smell of incense. filled the air. Tables holding handmade stone and crystal jewelry, native American dream catchers, candles, books, pamphlets, art, and incense burners, were the norm. Walk through the room and a number of vendors would be able to read your palm, tell you what the tarot cards know about you, or what your aura looks like.

Massage, reiki, oxygen exerciser, and a number of other set the mood. Next to that sat a constant. The sound of a wooden musical instrument filled the

Color therapy is very popular with the mystically inclined, Odorizzi said.

This therapy travels through a person's seven chakras, areas on the body, and each areas color in order to move human energy from the root chakra, located in the gonad area, to the crown chakra in the forehead

The colors travel upward starting with red at your root chakra and moving through orange, yellow, green, blue, lavender and violet at your crown chakra in order to provide healing for whatever you may need. Anything traveling past your root chakra takes you into clairvoyance and clairaudi-

June Dannatt, a former UNO psychology student, manned one such color therapy booth. She is careful to point out that "your mind is not your brain."

Color therapy teaches that humans are divine and human.

"The purpose of our being here is to experience unconditional love," Dannett said. Color therapy has a purpose, too.

"Being a conduit for higher intelligence consciousness to flow through you to help others realize their divinity," she said.

P.J. Morrison is a master of tarot, palmistry, dream interpretation and just about anything

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- CHARLIE ODORIZZI,

EVENT ORGANIZER

she can use to connect to her spiritual self or to help others do the same, she said.

Morrison has been in the business, for about 12 years, she said.

"It something that was always an

ability. As a child I always had impressions and intuitions."

She did, however have someone who guided her talent. "Reverend Anne Williams. She took me under her wing.'

Morrison explained to one festival-goer how dreams work. The first stage is what she calls a "dump dream" where people dream about everything that happened to them that day. Next, dreams that serve as sifters where people sift through their mental "gook" on their way to a "lesson dream".

A lesson dream is a main dream of the evening and gives a lesson which concerns people in their waking life.

Morrison and Rhoden were accompanied by Morrison's 11year-old daughter, Paige. She also has a 15-year-old son, Benjamin. The booth they occupied housed an area where Morrison does her readings. Candles and an incense burner metaphysical activities were a few racks full of silver and stone jewelry she hand-crafted and

> A reading with Morrison ranges from \$15 for fifteen minutes to \$40 per hour.

Aura Star occupied another booth. Keith Stelling explains how he became interested in bio-feedback photography.

"My wife bought a camera and said one of us is going to learn how to use this and it's going to be you," Stelling said.



Stelting has been involved with the camera for six years. His wife has a metaphysical store in Topeka, KS. Stelling traveled to Omaha with his camera for the conference. He also does other conferences across the nation.

"It's a scientific instrument," said Stelting of his camera. "The camera uses meridian points on your hands to send color information to the cam-

The color information is provided by the energy field around your body many refer to as your aura. The final photos show you what your aura looks like. The different colors represent different meanings. Red in your aura means activity and movement or passion. Orange represents artistic creativity, yellow is intellect and intelligence. Green reveals you have a healing personality while blue says you are calm and peaceful. Violet shows intuition and psychic ability and white in your aura reveals a high spiritual development. The colors also reveal characteristics about your health. For instance, red in your aura is connected with the reproductive system.

Stelting was a busy man, his booth was very popular at the festival. People wanted to see what their aura looked like.

One girl took her seat in front of the camera. "I'm frazzled", she said. "It's going to be red.

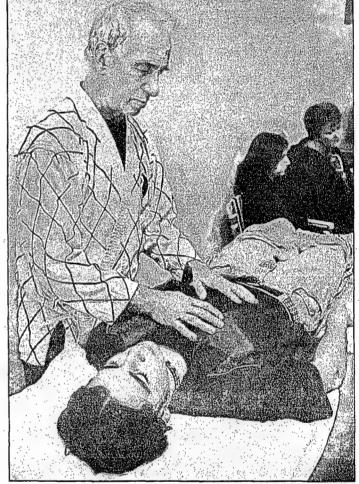
Stelting took the photograph and waited for the printout. As the young lady reviewed her photo, she saw that she was correct. Her aura was red, reflecting her frazzled state.

Another woman sat down for a photograph. As Stelting snapped her she said, "I can feel that!" What she felt was a "tingling" feeling in her fingers as the photo was taken.

"It's a high frequency electricity. Only about I in 100 people feel that", Stelting said.

Also coming to Omaha from Topeka, KS was a woman named Ti Mar. Ti Mar is a U.F.O. author and lecturer.

Since she was four years old she has encountered "light beings" and remembers visiting



Top: Marvin Ziegmann gets a Psychic Consultation by Jeanne Marie Asplund. She has been a Psychic Reader for over 30 years. Above: Rod Reynoldson, Master Teacher of Reiki, practices the art on Josh Martinez.

their spaceship, she said. She also works with spirit communication, past lives, does space drawings, and counseling insights into encounters.

She is clairvoyant and clairaudient. "They promise we're going into another area of enlightenment", she said.

Reiki was represented by several vendors. Stephie Daugherty was one of them. She uses reiki as one medium to do ... universal energy work.

"It's special energy coming to work that you haven't had before," she said. "This is much deeper than physical." She used her work to help heal people who have emotional distress or physical trauma, such as from car accidents. Therapeutic massage works to transmute release to help patch up the wounds and to keep growing.

"I deal with positive mind manifest that you create everything in your life that you experience," she said.

With Daugherty was Erika Albright, a 12-year-old psychic.

Many other age groups were represented at the festival. A young man named Tyler Ditter was spotted carrying around a small plastic bag. Inside was a crystal he had just purchased.

"I will put it in my collection, with my orange opal, "he said.

His younger brother, Blake Ditter was also there. The festival was of inspiration to him.

"I want to learn to read tarot cards," he said. Next the two set to popping helium balloons or sucking the helium out of the balloons. Throughout the day there were several free workshops. From 11 a.m. until 4:30

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p.m. one could learn even more about color therapy from June Dannatt.

Affirmations, Feng Shui, Dream Interpretation, Sacred Spaces, Iridology and Past Lives and Soul Travel were topics at other workshops.

Ti Mar held a workshop about breathing for healing. Peggy Clark, an employee at Next Millennium was still busy selling goods from the booth. "Lots of people," she said in reference to the number of attendees. Over 700 people walked into the festival on Sunday.

Odorizzi walked around with a pleased look on his face. He talked with Stelting from the Aura Star booth.

"This is not an ordinary psychic fair, this is one of the best," Stelting said.

The two continued their shop talk.

"If I'm here, I'm open," said Odorizzi of his bookstore. "There are only two days a year we are closed."

Those two days would be the bi-annual festival dates. Another festival will roll around in April.



People walk by the stands at the Mystic Fest, which was held at the Holiday Inn Central.

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# Tallahassee Man Arrested In FAMU Bombings

College Press Exchange

TALLAHASSEE — A local resident was arrested early Friday on federal charges in the recent bombings at Florida A&M University, the FBI announced.

Lawrence Michael Lombardi, 41, of Tallahassee, was arrested at about 4:30 a.m., said FBI agent Tom Kneir.

Lombardi was initially charged with a single count of manufacturing a bomb, said Kneir, senior agent in charge of the FBI's north Florida office.

No other information was immediately made available on Lombardi.

Lombardi was held for several hours at Florida Department of Law Enforcement headquarters in Tallahassee, then moved to an undisclosed location in town.

FAMU Police Chief John Earst arrived at FDLE headquarters early in the day. He had no immediate comment on the arrest, but said "it's a very pleasant morning."

Two small explosions have

gone off at the predominantly black campus since Aug. 31.

No one was injured in either blast, but strident racist telephone calls accompanied each incident, spreading fear on the 12,000-student campus.

The caller also warned of future attacks. The FBI said this week that one call said another incident would happen Friday.

Campus police said every building at the school was being searched every morning.

Local, state and federal investigators descended en masse on the hilltop campus in Tallahassee after the first blast.

The FBI released a surveillance camera photo Thursday of a man they said has information about the case, but said the man wasn't a suspect.

The man was photographed buying something at a local Lowe's home store, the day before the first blast.

The first blast was on a Tuesday morning, of a small device in a men's room at an administration building 10 min-

utes after a warning was called in. Damage was very minor.

The second, larger than the first, was on Sept. 22, a Wednesday. It was in the firstfloor restroom of Perry Paige Hall, which has four floors of laboratories, offices, classrooms and the Navy ROTC office. Again, damage was minor.

Several campus buildings were evacuated after each blast.

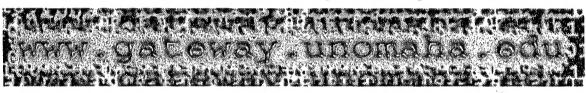
The first blast was accompanied by a warning called into a television station that it was "just the beginning, brother."

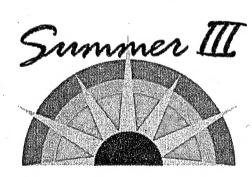
FAMU President Frederick Humphries, whose office is on Lee Hall's fourth floor, was in the building when the device went off.

"It was more like a 'poof," he said later that day.

After the second call, the television station, received a longer diatribe.

"FAMU has seen the beginning of this ... they got no business having a college where there ain't nobody ... smart enough to get a degree.... This is just the beginning, brother," the caller said.





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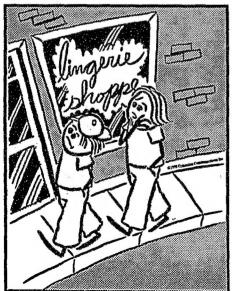




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# University Shortchanged Because of Shortage

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A decade-long national trend of disappearing teaching assistants at colleges has left students and staff at the University of Illinois concerned about crowded classrooms, class availability and instructor attention this fall.

A large increase in students this semester, coupled with a decrease in TAs because of fewer graduate students, has left the University with an overall student-TA ratio of 13 to one. Departments with more students suffer even more because of higher ratios.

Suzanne Styburski, senior in commerce, has noticed that the number of students has increased since her freshman year.

"It depends on which classes," Styburski said. "There's big lectures and then I have seen a lot more students in discussions — more than there were seats. Of course, it's more obvious the first days of class, and then it diminishes with the school year."

The University has been try-

ing to meet the demand for undergraduate instructors. Foremost Tas are teaching more sections. Departments have also expanded class sizes, enlisted outside help and asked graduate students from other departments to teach undergraduate classes.

Since 1993, the University has had a five-percent increase in undergraduate enrollment and a 39-percent decrease in graduate enrollment. Both changes are consistent with a national trend.

Graduate College Associate Dean Michael Loui cited an abundance of jobs as one of the factors that affects enrollment.

"I emphasize that this is a national trend attributed to the economy," he said. "In terms of the decline in graduates and increase in undergraduates, this situation is not unique to the U of I."

Economics professor Roger Koenker said the economy has created a welcoming job market for students who have undergraduate degrees. Many students save money by passing the chance at a master's

degree or doctoral studies.

"The idea is very simple," Koenker said. "When economic conditions are good, people go out and get a job instead of going back to school. That's what you might call the supply side of the TA situation."

Many departments deny having a TA shortage, but departments in the College of LAS have so many students that they need to solve the problem.

The psychology department uses graduate instructors who study other disciplines. Of the department's 19 TAs, two study educational psychology, two study labor and industrial relations, one studies social work and one graduated from law school. These TAs all have undergraduate degrees in psychology — a department requirement.

Standards for would-be instructors vary by department.

Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Bill Murphy said the University requires that TAs speak

English well. But he added that nearly all other hiring stan-

dards are controlled by individual departments, not the University.

Departments are also using first-year graduate students to teach the growing number of undergraduate students. The TAs must adjust to the pressures of teaching combined with the first year of graduate studies.

Visiting instructors are also being hired for a period of one to two years. While some are professors from other colleges and universities, many are doctoral graduates looking for permanent employment elsewhere. Currently, the history department has two visiting instructors; the English department has 20.

Disciplines that send students into academia to teach limit the number of graduate students to the number of permanent professor positions available. But by hiring temporary instructors rather than creating new associate professor positions, the University is hurting graduate students' ability to find permanent jobs, some visiting instructors said.

Ryan Jerving, a first-year English visiting instructor, said TAs and visiting instructors teach the majority of undergraduate classes.

"I'm glad that the department here offers me the opportunity to work while finding a position somewhere else," Jerving said. "On the other hand, it is essentially because they are having three-fourths of undergraduate classes taught by people like us that we are having a problem. There are less jobs available for us. The trend actually hurts us in the long run."

The University's Faculty Excellence program requested state funds to hire more professors, which would take some students away from TA sections. The program is designed to hire about 140 new professors to compensate for the 250 professors lost since 1988. Of the \$10 million requested, the University has received \$2 million so far.

"We have more students than in 1988," Associate Provost John Braden said. "You can see how the crunch comes if we have fewer professors."

# Several Remedial Students Booted From Cal-State

College Press Exchange

More than 40 students have been disenrolled and approximately 80 have been disqualified from Cal Poly Pomona as a result of Executive Order 665, a year-old Cal State policy implemented to decrease the number of students who require remedial education at the college level.

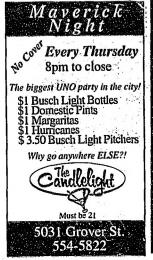
The purpose of EO 665 is to reduce the number of remedial classes by 90 percent by the year 2007, saidElhami Ibrahim, associate vice president for academic programs and co-chair for the EO 665 petitions review committee.

EO 665 has been under review since May 18, and some students and faculty say they feel that the removal of students from the university is taking a disproportionate toll on minorities.

"[Hispanics] will probably be impacted the most because of our numbers," said Ernesto Rodriguez, Coordinator for the Cesar E. Chavez Center. "[EO 665] is a way to clean house. This is a way to legally select their students...to legally make standards."

Rodriguez said that students who are being disqualified and disenrolled are being punished for the poor education they received at the high school level.

According to information from the CSU, the mean high school GPA for students attending Cal Poly Pomona who test into remedial math classes is 3.16. The mean GPA for students who test into remedial





English classes is 3.19.

Students coming to college with good grades believe they are prepared when, in fact, the high school system has failed them, Rodriguez said. He said that many of these students are doing well in high school and then testing into remedial classes and that it is no fault of their own.

Though the Cal State Board of Trustees has adopted a mission statement inclusive of all cultures, there are some who believe EO 665 is a complete contradiction of that statement because it would reduce the number of minorities attending CSUs.

"The board of trustees is doing this as a form of discrimination," Rodriguez said. "It's another form of institutional discrimination."

EO 665 requires that students who test into preparatory math and English classes take all courses consecutively, earn a grade of C or better, do not drop any

preparatory course unless they have disenrolled for the whole quarter and that they complete remedial course work within a year.

If a student fails to comply with the guidelines they may be disenrolled or disqualified. Students disenrolled for a quarter may return the following quarter.

A student may be disenrolled for a quarter if he or she fails to enroll in the necessary remedial course.

So far, the numbers show that the policy has had a positive effect on the success rate of students, according to the office of academic affairs. Eighty-six percent of the students who required one preparatory English class in fall of 1998 completed their course work in one quarter compared to 64 percent in fall of 1997.







# MBSC ACTIVITIES

THE MILO BAIL STUDENT CENTER IS A UNIT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

#### Tues., Oct. 5th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry

Take Pride

Network disABLED Students 11 am

11:30 am

Campus Dialogue 12 noon Intertribal Council

Phi Delta Theta 1 pm

Alpha Xi Delta 5 pm Recruitment 6 pm

6:30 pm Student Education Assoc.

#### Wed., Oct. 6th

8 am Career Fair

**Facilities** 9 am

Chapter Summary Bible 11 am

Study

Traffic Appeals 11 am

**Student Development** ll am

Women's Resource Center 11 am

11:30 amTeaching Learning Tech Round Table

12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous

12 noon Quest

12 noon Latin American Students

12 noon Cult Awareness

2:30 pm S.P.O.

4:30 pm Chi Epsilon

Nat'l Panhellenic 6 pm 7 pm Golden Key

#### Thurs., Oct. 7th

8 amConvocation

Depression Screening Day 8 pm

Evaluation - Personnel 9 am Consider This - KVNO

11 am Network disAbled Students 11:30 amIntensive Language

12 noon Convocation

2:30 pm Administrative Systems

2:30 pm Panhellenic

Junior Panhellenic 4 pm

4:30 pm Special Education

Career Center 6 pm Student Senate 7 pm

Delta Sigma Pi

#### Fri., Oct. 1st

10 am Maverick Radio

10:30 amAbility Awareness

Chapter Summary Bible 11 am

Study

Pres./Regent Debate 11 am 12 noon Interfraternity Council

12 noon E.O.P.A.

12 noon Leadership Council

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12 noon Eating Disorders

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#### Sat., Oct. 9th

11 am Sigma Kappa

#### Sun., Oct. 10th

3 pm Zeta Phi Beta

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Theta Alpha Psi 5 pm 5:30 pm Theta Chi

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#### Mon., Oct. 11th

S.A.P. Training 8 am

Career Center 9 am

First Year Connection 9 am

11 am Women's Resource Center

12 noon International Studies

12 noon Student Democrats

12 noon Master Success

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